

15 March 2023 Carson Valley Men's Club

Welcome to the 2023 golf season (FINALLY)!! There are a number of new faces on the Board of Directors for the 2023 season. We are looking forward to joining forces with the remaining members of the 2022 board with the goals of safety, fun and competition. The membership fee for 2023 is \$55.00 and affiliated member fee will now be raised to \$30.00 (the \$5.00 increase is due to the NNGA now charging clubs for affiliate members).

We want to give thanks to Many, Tom, and the rest of the Carson Valley Golf Club staff for their support of the Men's Club and for keeping the course in excellent condition.

The USGA Rules of Golf are the standard for Men's Club tournaments, so play the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies. There have been some local exceptions made per Rule 16, Abnormal Course Conditions, and these exceptions have been reviewed with significant revisions. I have enclosed a Local Course Rules page for tournaments. I recommend you print and keep a copy in your golf bag.

The season begins March 26th and, the schedule is attached. There will be 4 added \$\$\$ events this season. The CV Men's Club Masters is being pushed out later than normal this year due to the winter we have had and giving the maintenance staff time to get the course in shape for this major event. Also, the Gross and Net Champions of the CV Masters Tournaments will be receiving a green jacket as a trophy. Hopefully this will continue and become a new tradition for the Men's Club. We will have multiple events this season that will allow you to invite nonmembers to play. This will give nonmembers a chance to see how much fun we are having and will want to join also. Golf Genius is the tournament management tool and your scores will be posted to GHIN for each postable round.

There are a few changes going into effect this season:

1. The golf course is increasing the cost of the green fees for the Men's Club this season. We will now be paying \$39 instead of the \$35 last season.
2. There will be a \$10 buy in for the skins prize fund and you will be entered in both the net and the gross payouts. There will not be an option for buying in on only the net or the gross. This makes it much easier for The Tournament Director to do the scoring. The KP prize fund will continue to be a separate buy in of \$5.
3. Each player will be choosing either the Blue or the White Tees, and they will remain at those tees for the duration of the season. There will still be an exception for a few players that will be able to play from the red tees. If a player is at least a 30 handicap and will be turning 80 years of age at any time in 2023, they will be allowed to choose red tees at the beginning of the season.

This season we will be paying out Gross winners as well as Net winners. The field will be divided in half each week and both halves will have a Gross division and a Net division.

There will be an equal number of gross and net payouts in each division. If a player is a winner in both divisions, they will be awarded the higher of the two payouts and will be excluded from the other division's prize fund.

We will continue to use an equitable stroke score of **15** for any hole that is not finished or scored with an (X). Hopefully this will not be necessary but it will keep a player from being disqualified completely

from the tournament and allow them to possibly win something in the skins or closest to the hole portions of the event.

Tournament signups will be available every Monday on Golf Genius, and **TO PLAY ON SUNDAY YOU MUST SIGN UP BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY!** Events that are multiple rounds will be random pairings for the second round based on your position in the tournament.

The Northern Nevada Golf Association Tournament Schedule is available on the NNGA website. Andrew Workman is the new Director. There will be a NNGA Tournament of Champions at the end of the Season, and we will send our Gross Club Champion and Net Club Champion to participate in that event. NNGA suggests that all players use the updated USGA GHIN App for phone or device. The updated App requires sign in and password protection.

The Men's Club Board is here to answer your questions and is always open to suggestions on how to make the club better for all members.

Thank you,

Nick Sutter

2023 Men's Club President